The heavenly motions are more ſtated than the terreſtrial models, and are both originals and *ſtandards*. *Holder.*

Theſe are our meaſures of length, but I cannot call them *ſtandards*; for *ſtandard* meaſures muſt be certain and fixed. *Holder on Time.*

When people have brought the queſtion of right and wrong to a falſe *ſtandard*, there follows an envious malevolence. *L'Eſtrange.*

The Romans made thoſe times the *ſtandard* of their wit, when they ſubdued the world. *Sprat.*

From theſe ancient *ſtandards* I deſcend to our own hiſtorians. *Felton.*

When I ſhall propoſe the *ſtandard* whereby I give judgment, any may eaſily inform himſelf of the quantity and meaſure of it. *Wedward.*

The court which uſed to be the *ſtandard* of propriety, and correctneſs of ſpeech, ever ſince continued the worſt ſchool in England for that accompliſhment. *Swift.*

Firſt follow nature, and your judgment frame,
By her juſt *ſtandard* which is ſtill the ſame. *Pope.*

3. That which has been tried by the proper teſt.

The Engliſh tongue, if refined to a certain *ſtandard*, perhaps might be fixed for ever. *Swift.*

In comely rank call ev'ry merit forth;
Imprint on ev'ry act its *ſtandard*-worth. *Prior.*

4. A ſettled rate.

That preciſe weight and fineneſs, by law appropriated to the pieces of each denomination, is called the *ſtandard*. *Locke.*

The device of King Henry VII. was profound in making farms of a *ſtandard*, that is, maintained with ſuch a proportion of lands as may breed a ſubject to live in convenient plenty. *Bacon.*

A *ſtandard* might be made, under which no horſe ſhould be uſed for draught: this would enlarge the breed of horſes. *Temp.*

By the preſent *ſtandard* of the coinage, ſixty two ſhillings is coined out of one pound weight of ſilver. *Arbuthnot.*

5. A ſtanding ſtem or tree.

A *ſtandard* of a damaſk roſe with the root on, was ſet upright in an earthen pan, full of fair water, half a foot under the water, the *ſtandard* being more than two foot above it. *Bacon's Natural Hiſtory.*

Plant fruit of all ſorts and *ſtandard*, mural, or ſhrubs which loſe their leaf. *Evelyn's Kalender.*

In France part of their gardens is laid out for flowers, others for fruits; ſome *ſtandards*, ſome againſt walls. *Temple.*

STA'NDARDBEARER. *n. ſ.* [*ſtandard* and *bear.*] One who bears a ſtandard or enſign.

They ſhall be as when a *ſtandardbearer* fainteth. *Iſa.* x. 18.

Theſe are the *ſtandardbearers* in our contending armies, the dwarfs and ſquires who carry the impreſſes of the giants or knights. *Spectator.*

STA'NDCROP. *n. ſ.* An herb. *Ainſworth.*

STA'NDEL. *n. ſ.* [from *ſtand.*] A tree of long ſtanding.

The Druinians were nettled to ſee the princely *ſtandel* of their royal oak return with a branch of willows. *Howel.*

STA'NDER. *n. ſ.* [from *ſtand.*]

1. One who ſtands.
2. A tree that has ſtood long.

The young ſpring was pitifully nipt and over-trodden by very beaſts; and alſo the faireſt *ſtanders* of all were rooted up and caſt into the fire. *Aſcham's Schoolmaſter.*

3. STA'NDER *by.* One preſent; a mere ſpectator.

Explain ſome ſtatute of the land to the *ſtanders by*. *Hooker.*

I would not be a *ſtander by* to hear
My ſovereign miſtreſs clouded ſo, without
My preſent vengeance taken. *Shakeſpeare.*

When a gentleman is diſpoſed to ſwear, it is not for any *ſtanders by* to curtail his oaths. *Shakeſpeare's Cymbeline.*

The *ſtanders by* ſee clearly this event,
All parties ſay, they're ſure, yet all diſſent. *Denham.*

The *ſtanders by* ſuſpected her to be a ducheſs.. *Addiſon.*

STA'NDERGRASS. *n. ſ.* An herb. *Ainſworth.*

STA'NDING. *part. adj.* [from *ſtand.*]

1. Settled; eſtabliſhed.

Standing armies have the place of ſubjects, and the government depends upon the contented and diſcontented humours of the ſoldiers. *Temple.*

Laugh'd all the pow'rs who favour tyranny,
And all the *ſtanding* army of the ſky. *Dryden.*

Money being looked upon as the *ſtanding* meaſure of other commodities, men conſider it as a *ſtanding* meaſure, though when it has varied its quantity, it is not ſo. *Locke.*

Such a one, by pretending to diſtinguiſh himſelf from the herd, becomes a *ſtanding* object of raillery. *Addiſon.*

The common *ſtanding* rules of the goſpel are a more powerful means of conviction than any miracle. *Atterbury.*

Great *ſtanding* miracle that heav'n aſſign'd!
'Tis only thinking gives this turn of mind. *Pope.*

2. Laſting; not tranſitory.

The landlord had ſwelled his body to a prodigious ſize, and worked up his complexion to a *ſtanding* crimſon by his zeal. *Addiſon's Freeholder.*

3. Stagnant; not running.

He turned the wilderneſs into a *ſtanding* water. *Pſal.* cvii.

This made their flowing ſhrink
From *ſtanding* lake to tripping ebb. *Milton.*

4. Placed on feet.

There's his chamber,
His *ſtanding* bed and truckle bed. *Shakeſpeare.*

STA'NDING. *n. ſ.* [from *ſtand.*]

1. Continuance; long poſſeſſion of an office, character, or place.

Nothing had been more eaſy than to command a patron of a long *ſtanding*. *Dryden.*

Although the ancients were of opinion that Egypt was formerly ſea; yet this tract of land is as old, and of as long a *ſtanding* as any upon the continent of Africa. *Woodward.*

I wiſh your fortune had enabled you to have continued longer in the univerſity, till you were often years *ſtanding*. *Swift.*

2. Station; place to ſtand in.

Such ordnance as he brought with him, becauſe it was fitter for ſervice in field than for battery, did only beat down the battlements, and ſuch little *ſtandings*. *Knolles's Hiſt. of the Turks.*

His coming is in ſtate, I will provide you a good *ſtanding* to ſee his entry. *Bacon.*

3. Power to ſtand.

I ſink in deep mire, where there is no *ſtanding*. *Pſal.* lxix.

4. Rank; condition.

How this grace
Speaks his own *ſtanding*? what a mental power
This eye ſhoots forth? how big imagination
Moves in this lip. *Shakeſpeare's Timon of Athens.*

5. Competition; candidateſhip.

His former *ſtanding* for a proctor's place, and being diſappointed, muſt prove much diſpleaſing. *Walton.*

STA'NDISH. *n. ſ.* [*ſtand* and *diſh.*] A caſe for pen and ink.

A grubſtreet patriot does not write to ſecure, but get ſomething: ſhould the government be overturned he has nothing to loſe but an old *ſtandiſh*. *Addiſon.*

I bequeath to Dean Swift eſq; my large ſilver *ſtandiſh*, conſiſting of a large ſilver plate, an ink-pot, and a ſand-box. *Swift.*

STANG. *n. ſ.* [ſtæng, Saxon.] A perch.

Theſe fields were intermingled with woods of half a *ſtang*, and the talleſt tree appeared to be ſeven feet high. *Swift.*

STANK. *adj.* Weak; worn out.

Diggon, I am ſo ſtiff and ſo *ſtank*,
That unneth I may ſtand any more,
And how the weſtern wind bloweth ſore,
Beating the withered leaf from the tree. *Spenſer.*

STANK. The preterite of *ſink*.

The fiſh in the river died, and the river *ſtank*. *Exod.* vii.

STA'NNARY. *adj.* [from *ſtannum*, Latin.] Relating to the tinworks.

A ſteward keepeth his court once every three weeks: they are termed *ſtannary* courts of the Latin *ſtannum*, and hold plea of action of debt or treſpaſs about white or black tin. *Carew.*

STA'NZA. *n. ſ.* [*ſtanza*, Ital. *ſtance*, Fr.] A number of lines regularly adjuſted to each other; ſo much of a poem as contains every variation of meaſure or relation of rhyme. *Stanza* is originally a room of a houſe, and came to ſignify a ſubdiviſion of a poem; a ſtaff.

Horace confines himſelf ſtrictly to one ſort of verſe or *ſtanza* in every ode. *Dryden.*

In quatrains, the laſt line of the *ſtanza* is to be conſidered in the compoſition of the firſt. *Dryden.*

Before his ſacred name flies ev'ry fault,
And each exalted *ſtanza* teems with thought. *Pope.*

STAPLE. *n. ſ.* [*eſtape*, Fr. *ſtapel*, Dutch.]

1. A ſettled mart; an eſtabliſhed emporium.

A *ſtaple* of romance and lies,
Falſe tears, and real perjuries. *Prior.*

The cuſtoms of Alexandria were very great, it having been the *ſtaple* of the Indian trade. *Arbuthnot on Coins.*

Tyre, Alexander the Great ſacked, and eſtabliſhing the *ſtaple* at Alexandria, made the greateſt revolution in trade that ever was known. *Arbuthnot.*

2. I know not the meaning in the following paſſage.

Henry II. granted liberty of coining to certain abbies, allowing them one *ſtaple*, and two puncheons at a rate. *Camden.*

STAPLE. *adj.* [from the noun.]

1. Settled; eſtabliſhed in commerce.

Some Engliſh wool, vex'd in a Belgian loom,
And into cloth of ſpungy ſoftneſs made:
Did into France or colder Denmark ream,
To ruin with worſe ware our *ſtaple* trade. *Dryden.*

2. According to the laws of commerce.

What needy writer would not ſolicit to work under ſuch maſters, who will take off their ware at their own rates, and trouble not themſelves to examine whether it be *ſtaple* or no? *Swift.*

STA'PLE. *n. ſ.* [ſtæpul, Saxon, a prop.] A loop of iron; a bar bent and driven in at both ends.

I have ſeen *ſtaples* of doors and nails born. *Peacham.*

The ſilver ring ſhe pull'd, the door reclos'd:
The bolt, obedient to the ſilken cord,
To the ſtrong *ſtaple*'s inmoſt depth reſtor'd,
Secur'd the valves. *Pope's Odyſſey.*

STAR. *n. ſ.* [ſtæppa, Saxon; *ſterre*, Dutch.]

1. One of the luminous bodies that appear in the nocturnal ſky.

Then let the pebbles on the hungry beech
Fillop the *ſtars*;
Murdering impoſſibility, to make
What cannot be, ſlight work. *Shakeſp. Coriolanus.*

When an aſtronomer uſes the word *ſtar* in its ſtrict ſenſe, it is applied only to the fixt *ſtars*; but in a large ſenſe it includes the planets. *Watts.*

Hither the Syracuſan's art tranſlates
Heaven's form, the courſe of things and human fates;
Th' included ſpirit ſerving the *ſtar* deck'd ſigns,
The living work in conſtant motions winds. *Hakewill.*

As from a cloud his fulgent head,
And ſhape *ſtar* bright, appear'd. *Milton.*

2. The pole-ſtar.

Well, if you be not turn'd Turk, there is no more ſailing by the *ſtar*. *Shak. Much Ado about Nothing.*

3. Configuration of the planets ſuppoſed to influence fortune.

From forth the fatal loins of theſe two foes,
A pair of *ſtar* croſt lovers take their life. *Shakeſpeare.*

We are apt to do amiſs, and lay the blame upon our *ſtars* or fortune. *L'Eſtrange.*

4. A mark of reference; an aſteriſk.

Remarks worthy of riper obſervation, note with a marginal *ſtar*. *Watts.*

STAR *of Bethlehem.* *n. ſ.* [*ornithogalum*, Latin.] A plant.

The characters are: it hath a lily-flower, compoſed of ſix petals, or leaves ranged circularly, whoſe centre is poſſeſſed by the pointal, which afterwards turns to a roundiſh fruit, which is divided into three cells, and filled with roundiſh ſeeds: to which muſt be added, it hath a bulbous or tuberoſe root, in which it differs from ſpiderwort. *Miller.*

STA'RAPPLE. *n. ſ.* A plant.

It hath an open bell-ſhaped flower, conſiſting of one leaf, and cut into ſeveral ſegments towards the top; from whoſe cup ariſes the pointal, which afterwards becomes a globular or olive-ſhaped ſoft fleſhy fruit, incloſing a ſtone of the ſame ſhape. This plant grows in the warmeſt parts of America, where the fruit is eaten by way of deſert. It grows to the height of thirty or forty feet, and has a ſtrait ſmooth ſtem, regularly beſet with branches, which are adorned with leaves of a ſhining green colour on their upper ſides, but of a ruſſet colour underneath: from the ſetting on of the ſootſtalks of the leaves come out the flowers, which have no great beauty, but are ſucceeded by the fruit, which is about the ſize of a large apple, and of the ſame ſhape. *Miller.*

STA'RBOARD. *n. ſ.* [ſtæorbord, Saxon.] Is the right-hand ſide of the ſhip, as larboard is the left. *Harris.*

On ſhipboard the mariners will not leave their *ſtarbeard* and larboard, becauſe ſome one accounts it gibriſh. *Bramb.*

STARCH. *n. ſ.* [from *ſtare*, Teutonick, ſtiff.] A kind of viſcous matter made of flower or potatoes, with which linen is ſtiffened, and was formerly coloured.

Has he
Diſlik'd your yellow *ſtarch*, or ſaid your doublet
Was not exactly Frenchified. *Fletcher's Queen of Corinth.*

With *ſtarch* thin laid on, and the ſkin well ſtretched, prepare your ground. *Peacham on Drawing.*

To STARCH. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To ſtiffen with ſtarch.

Her goodly countenance I've ſeen
Set off with kerchief *ſtarch'd* and pinners clean. *Gay.*

STA'RCHAMBER. *n. ſ.* [*camera ſtellata*, Latin.] A kind of criminal court of equity. Now aboliſhed.

I'll make a *ſtarchamber* matter of it: if he were twenty ſir John Falſtaffs, he ſhall not abuſe Robert Shallow, eſq; *Shakeſ.*

STA'RCHED. *adj.* [from *ſtarch.*]

1. Stiffened with ſtarch.
2. Stiff; preciſe; formal.

Does the Goſpel any where preſcribe a *ſtarched* ſqueezed countenance, a ſtiff formal gait, or a ſingularity of manners. *Swift.*

STA'RCHER. *n. ſ.* [from *ſtarch.*] One whoſe trade is to ſtarch.

STA'RCHLY. *adv.* [from *ſtarch.*] Stiffly; preciſely.

STA'RCHNESS. *n. ſ.* [from *ſtarch.*] Stiffneſs; preciſeneſs.

To STARE. *v. n.* [ſtæran, Saxon; *ſterren*, Dutch.]

1. To look with fixed eyes; to look with wonder, impudence, confidence, ſtupidity, or horrour.

Her modeſt eyes, abaſhed to behold
So many gazers, as on her do *ſtare*,
Upon the lowly ground affixed are. *Spenſer.*

Their *ſtaring* eyes, ſparkling with fervent fire,
And ugly ſhapes, did nigh the man diſmay,
That, were it not for ſhame, he would retire. *Fa. Queen.*

Look not big, nor *ſtare* nor ſpeak:
I will be maſter of what is mine own. *Shakeſpeare.*

They were never ſatisfied with *ſtaring* upon their maſts, ſails, cables, ropes, and tacklings. *Abbot.*

I hear
The tread of many feet ſteering this way;
Perhaps my enemies, who come to *ſtare*
At my affliction, and perhaps t' inſult. *Milton's Agoniſtes.*

A ſatyr that comes *ſtaring* from the woods,
Muſt not at firſt ſpeak like an orator. *Walſh.*

And while he *ſtares* around with ſtupid eyes,
His brows with berries and his temples dies. *Dryden.*

What do'ſt thou make a ſhipboard?
Art thou of Bethlem's noble college free?
Stark *ſtaring* mad, that thou ſhould'ſt tempt the ſea? *Dryd.*

Struggling, and wildly *ſtaring* on the ſkies
With ſcarce recover'd ſight. *Dryden's Æn.*

Trembling the miſcreant ſtood;
He *ſtar'd* and roll'd his haggard eyes around. *Dryden.*

Break out in crackling flames to ſhun thy ſnare,
Or hiſs a dragon, or a tyger *ſtare*. *Dryden's Virgil.*

Why do'ſt thou not
Try the virtue of that gorgon face,
To *ſtare* me into ſtatue? *Dryden.*

I was unluckily prevented by the preſence of a bear, which, as I approached with my preſent, threw his eyes in my way, and *ſtared* me out of my reſolution. *Addiſon's Guardian.*

The wit at his elbow gave him a touch upon the ſhoulder, and *ſtared* him in the face with ſo bewitching a grin, that the whiſtler relaxed his fibres. *Addiſon.*

Narciſſa
Has paid a tradeſman once, to make him *ſtare*. *Pope.*

Gods! ſhall the raviſher diſplay your hair,
While the ſops envy and the ladies *ſtare*. *Pope.*

Through nature and through art ſhe rang'd,
And graceſully her ſubject chang'd:
In vain; her hearers had no ſhare
In all ſhe ſpoke, except to *ſtare*. *Swift.*

2. *To* STARE *in the face.* To be undeniably evident.

Is it poſſible for people, without ſcruple to offend againſt the law, which they carry about them in indelible characters, and that *ſtares* them *in the face*, whilſt they are breaking it? *Locke.*

3. To ſtand out.

Take off all the *ſtaring* ſtraws and jaggs in the hive, and make them ſmooth. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*

STARE. *n. ſ.* [from the verb.]

1. Fixed look.

The balls of his broad eyes roll'd in his head,
And glar'd betwixt a yellow and a red:
He look'd a lion with a gloomy *ſtare*,
And o'er his eyebrows hung his matted hair. *Dryden.*

2. [*Sturnus*, Latin.] Starling. A bird.

STA'RER. *n. ſ.* [from *ſtare.*] One who looks with fixed eyes.

One ſelf-approving hour whole years outweighs
Of ſtupid *ſtarers*, and of loud huzza's. *Pope.*

STA'RFISH. *n. ſ.* [*ſtar* and *fiſh.*] A fiſh branching out into ſeveral point.

This has a ray of one ſpecies of Engliſh *ſtarfiſh*. *Woodw.*

STARGA'ZER. *n. ſ.* [*ſtar* and *gaze.*] An aſtronomer, or aſtrologer. In contempt.

Let the aſtrologers, the *ſtargazers*, and the monthly prognoſticators, ſtand up and ſave thee. *Iſ.* xlvii. 13.

A *ſtargazer*, in the height of his celeſtial obſervations, ſtumbled into a ditch. *L'Eſtrange.*

STA'RHAWK. *n. ſ.* [*aſtur*, Latin.] A ſort of hawk. *Ainſw.*

STARK. *adj.* [ſtæric, ſtæric, Saxon; *ſterck*, Dutch.]

1. Stiff; ſtrong; rugged.

His heavy head devoid of careful cark,
Whoſe ſenſes all were ſtraight benumed and *ſtark*. *Fa. Qu.*

Many a nobleman lies *ſtark* and ſtiff
Under the hoofs of vaunting enemies. *Shakeſ. Hen. IV.*

The North is not ſo *ſtark* and cold. *Ben. Johnſon.*

So ſoon as this ſpring is become *ſtark* enough, it breaks the caſe in two, and ſlings the ſeed. *Derham's Phyſico-Theology.*

2. Deep; full.

Conſider the *ſtark* ſecurity
The commonwealth is in now; the whole ſenate
Sleepy, and dreaming no ſuch violent blow. *Ben. Johnſon.*

3. Mere; ſimple; plain; groſs.

To turn *ſtark* fools, and ſubjects fit
For ſport of boys, and rabble wit. *Hudibras.*

He pronounces the citation *ſtark* nonſenſe. *Collier.*

STARK. *adv.* Is uſed to intend or augment the ſignification of a word: as *ſtark mad*, mad in the higheſt degree. It is now little uſed but in low language.

Then are the beſt but *ſtark* naught; for open ſuſpecting others, comes of ſecret condemning themſelves. *Sidney.*

The fruitful-headed beaſt, amaz'd
At flaſhing beams of that ſun-ſhiny ſhield,
Became *ſtark* blind, and all his ſenſes daz'd,
That down he tumbled. *Spenſer.*

Men and women go *ſtark* naked. *Abbot.*

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